

NEW JERSEY



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 42,300 in New Jersey.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 17,600 in New Jersey.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

New Jersey: 211.7 **National:** 202.3

New Jersey ranks 16th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 5,000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in New Jersey.
- 4,500 men and women will die of lung cancer in New Jersey.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	New Jersey	National
Overall	54.9	56.8
White	54.9	56.7
Black	64.3	66.4
Hispanic	20.9	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	17.9	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 7,400 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in New Jersey.
- 1,400 women will die of breast cancer in New Jersey.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	New Jersey	National
Overall	31.3	27.7
White	31.2	27.2
Black	37.2	35.9
Hispanic	16.0	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	9.8	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 4,800 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in New Jersey.
- 1,900 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in New Jersey.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	New Jersey	National
Overall	23.9	21.2
White	23.7	20.7
Black	28.9	28.5
Hispanic	12.9	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	10.0	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 6,600 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in New Jersey.
- 900 men will die of prostate cancer in New Jersey.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	New Jersey	National
Overall	32.9	32.9
White	30.4	30.2
Black	68.9	73.0
Hispanic	22.1	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	10.9	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. New Jersey death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.